

Department of Community and Recreation Services

50-02-Prevention, Recreation, and Community Service Activities for Teens

| Fund/Agency: 001/50 | | Department of Community and Recreation Services |
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| Personnel Services | \$956,609 | <p style="text-align: center;">CAPS Percentage of Agency Total</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.2%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">88.8%</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>■ Prevention, Recreation, and Community Service Activities for Teens</p> <p>■ All Other Agency CAPS</p> </div> |
| Operating Expenses | \$417,382 | |
| Recovered Costs | \$0 | |
| Capital Equipment | \$0 | |
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| Total CAPS Cost: | \$1,373,991 | |
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| Federal Revenue | \$0 | |
| State Revenue | \$0 | |
| User Fee Revenue | \$15,307 | |
| Other Revenue | \$0 | |
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| Total Revenue: | \$15,307 | |
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| Net CAPS Cost: | \$1,358,684 | |
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| Positions/SYE involved in the delivery of this CAPS | 13/13.5 | |

► CAPS Summary

The Department of Community and Recreation Services (DCRS) operates 9 teen centers that are located in schools, apartment complexes and at dedicated recreation facilities. In addition to traditional programs offered at the teen center facilities, after school programs are offered at various middle schools and evening and weekend teen club activities are offered in targeted communities.

The Fairfax County Teen Center model focuses on three major programming categories: prevention, recreation, and community service activities. Activities are used to teach youth ethical behavior, to develop the values that promote civic responsibility, and to acquire skills and develop abilities to participate in life long recreation activities. These activities include: nature and the outdoors, art and crafts, sports, cultural, music, drama, special events, field trips, activity clubs, girls' clubs, character education, and prevention programs.

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While teen centers strive to provide activities for all Fairfax County teens, outreach is conducted to serve teens who are particularly at-risk. These teens are at risk of not completing school; becoming involved with the juvenile court system; using drugs and/or alcohol; becoming sexually active at an early age; and becoming a member of a gang with resulting involvement in delinquent activity.

The recent Community That Cares Youth Survey identified a number of issues that will drive the direction of future teen center programs and activities as the centers respond to these challenges: an increase in the consumption of alcohol and other drugs, suicide and depression, and anti-social behavior. In addition, the cultural diversity of the population and differing family dynamics affect how teens interact at teen centers and require more behavior interventions. Another factor affecting the growth of teen center services is that other Human Services agencies are increasing the volume of referrals to recreation programs, as well as requesting DCRS to operate recreation programs in their facilities. These referrals come from Juvenile Court, children eligible for services under the Comprehensive Services Act, and the Community Services Board.

► Method of Service Provision

Teen Center services are directly operated by Fairfax County on schedules that meet the needs of the service population, which includes afternoon, evening, and weekend operations.

► Performance/Workload Related Data

| Title | FY 1998 Actual | FY 1999 Actual | FY 2000 Actual | FY 2001 Estimate* | FY 2002 Estimate* |
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| Number of at-risk youth referred to teen center programs | 10 | 15 | 65 | 280 | 336 |
| Number of youth enrolled in after-school teen center programs | NA | 50 | 125 | 352 | 388 |
| Number of Community service activities offered | NA | 101 | 246 | 291 | 320 |

* The FY 2001 Estimate and the FY 2002 Estimate are updated as of June 30, 2001 to incorporate actual data available.

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► User Fee Information

| Subobject Code | Fee Title | FY 2002 ABP Fee Total |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 0714 | Teen Center After-School Program Fees | \$15,307 |
| Current Fee | | Maximum Allowable Fee Amount |
| \$333/Week | | \$333/Week |
| Purpose of Fee: Community organizations that request after-school programming are charged for service that is provided within their communities. The fee is based on recouping staff and operating costs over the typical six-week program period. | | |
| Levy Authority | Requirements to Change the Fee | Year Fee Was Last Adjusted |
| VA 15.2-1806 | Established by Agency. | 2001 |
| Other Remarks: The community organization determines whether it solely funds the program or utilizes a combination of the organization's funding and participant fees. The fee may be adjusted, on an approved sliding scale, based on the participant's total annual income and the number of registered children. Additionally, scholarships and/or fee waivers may be granted on case-by-case basis. | | |